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REMARKS

In the paper mailed November 19, 2004, claims 1-55 were subject to an election of species. Applicants respectfully submit that the following claims are generic claims with respect to the identified species: claims 1, 2, 8-10, 20, 33-34, 40-42, 52 and 53. Applicants furthermore respectfully submit:

Claim 3 is generic with respect to species 1 and 2;
Claim 4 is generic with respect to species 1, 2, and 5;
Claim 5 is generic with respect to species 1 and 3;
Claims 6 and 7 are generic with respect to species 2, 4, 5, and 6;
Claims 11-14 are generic with respect to species 3, 4, 5, and 6;
Claims 15-19 are generic with respect to species 4, 5, and 6;
Claim 21 is generic with respect to species 3, 4, 5, and 6;
Claims 22-32 are generic with respect to species 4, 5, and 6;
Claim 35 is generic with respect to species 1, 2, and 5;
Claims 36-37 are generic with respect to species 1 and 3;
Claims 38-39 are generic with respect to species 2, 4, 5, and 6;
Claims 43-46 are generic with respect to species 3, 4, 5, and 6;
Claims 47-51 are generic with respect to species 4, 5, and 6;
Claim 54 is generic with respect to species 5 and 6; and
Claim 55 corresponds with species 6.

By this Response, Applicants hereby provisionally elect species 1 (Figures 3-5). Based on the above is it respectfully submitted that species 1 includes claims 3-5, 35, 36 and 37. Furthermore the election of Species 1 also includes generic claims 1, 2, 8-10, 20, 33-34, 40-42, 52 and 53. Applicants have withdrawn claims 6-7, 11-19, 21-32, 38-39, 43-51, and 54-55.

Applicants' election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicants' right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a divisional application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

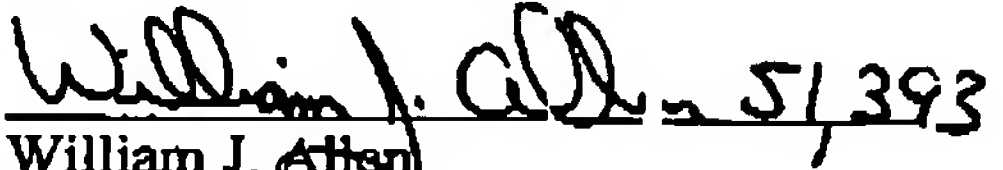
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Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone

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